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Statement from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers escorted Nai Yin Xue from Atlanta, Georgia, to New Zealand where he was taken into custody by New Zealand authorities.

Xue entered the United States under the Visa Waiver Pilot Program, which allows nationals of certain countries to enter the United States for 90-days without a visa.

“Mr. Xue took advantage of our country’s visa waiver program in order to evade New Zealand authorities. The United States will not serve as a safe haven for those attempting to flee from the law,” said Julie L. Myers, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Xue’s removal was coordinated by ICE and its local, federal and international partners.

“ICE is an international law enforcement agency that works closely with our counterparts around the world to ensure justice is served,” said Assistant Secretary Myers.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.